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Xiaobo WANG et al.

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IN MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEMS**



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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 4, 2004, for which a response is due on August 4, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Enclosed are amended drawings Figures 1-15.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.